

Regular Meeting

Mission: "Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success"

The Regular Meeting started at 5:30 P Mon Monday, January 21, 2019. The meeting was held at ESU7/CPS Student Center 2563 44th Avenue
2508 27th Street
Columbus, NE 68601

Candace Becher: Present

Mike Goos: Present

Michael Jeffryes: Present

Doug Molczyk: Present

Theresa Seipel: Present

Douglas Willoughby: Present

I. Board Meeting

I.A. Call to Order

I.B. Roll Call of Board

I.C. Pledge of Allegiance

I.D. Notice of Open Meeting Posted

I.D.1. President insures all can hear proceedings

I.E. Mission Statement

Doug Willoughby read the Mission Statement.

I.F. Opportunity for Public to be Heard

No one spoke to the board.

I.G. Board Special Functions

I.G.1. Election of President for 2019

Candy Becher read a statement about the five areas board members encounter confusion on their roles. Board members cannot be the superintendent. The board's job is to implement policy and not manage day to day items, and the superintendent deals with the employees. Board members must act regarding all children and not just some. The board also acts as a whole. The board members power only exits at the board meeting. Becher said these are a few things to keep in mind when

making decisions. She said hopefully she will do half as well as Theresa Seipel did as president. Becher said she would like these reminders added to the board handouts, so they can keep it in mind as they are at meetings.

I.G.2. Election of Vice President for 2019

I.G.3. Appointments by the Board President

I.G.4. Approval of Financial Institutions

Executive Director of Business Operations and Human Relations Dave Melick said all the banks are the same as last year.

I.G.5. Approval of School Attorneys

Fehringer, Mielak and Fehringer was added to the list this year.

I.G.6. Approval of Media Outlets

I.G.7. Appointment of Dr. Troy Loeffelholz as the Affirmative Action Coordinator

I.G.8. New Summer Enrichment/STEM On The Go Coordinator Position

Doug Molczyk said he is excited for this new position.

I.G.9. New 1st Grade position at Emerson Elementary

I.H. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda

I.I. Consent Agenda

I.I.1. Approval of Minutes

I.I.2. Financial Reports M2, M3, M4a

I.I.3. Financial Report M4b

I.I.4. Financial Report M5

I.I.5. Certified Personnel

Alicia Eckholt is recommended for hire to take on the additional first grade position.

I.I.6. Classified Personnel

Danita Wickens is the only new hire that was added since the last meeting.

I.I.7. Professional Travel

I.J. Acceptance of Gifts/Donations

I.K. Business Operations and Human Relations

I.K.1. Administrative Functions

I.K.2. Updates

I.L. Buildings & Sites/Technology

I.L.1. Administrative Functions

I.L.2. Updates

I.M. Curriculum and Instruction

I.M.1. Administrative Functions

I.M.2. Updates

I.N. Student Services

I.N.1. Policies

I.N.1.1. Review Policy 504.07 Freedom of Expression

Dr. Loeffelholz asked the board to review policy 504.07 Freedom of Expression. He asked the board to look and see if anything needs to be added or taken out.

I.N.1.2. Review Policy 0509.02 Student Memorials and Gifts to School District

Dr. Loeffelholz said this policy was just revised. He said instead of setting up a memorial, he encourages families to set up a scholarship through the foundation. Dr. Loeffelholz said this doesn't stop students from organizing something on their own. He said the administration tries to help but does not want things to go overboard. Executive Director of Student Service Jason Harris said one thing to keep in mind is, can we do this for every single student? Would we want to do this for every single student. He said if the answer is not yes, then it cannot be done. Dr. Loeffelholz said if there is something that needs to be changed, the administration must look at it and see if it fits. Mike Jeffryes said he agrees and disagrees with this policy. He said it is hard to tell the students they can't grieve. Theresa Seipel said this policy is more like educating students on what is acceptable and not acceptable. Mike Goos said this policy is important because it tells what is and is not acceptable and helps the crisis team. Jason Harris said every request is different and every situation is different. He said the administration needs to make sound decisions based on policy. Molczyk asked what the administration is doing for the crisis team. He said they may need some assistance in dealing with everything. Harris said there will be a meeting Feb. 8, and Dr. Loeffelholz will fill the board in on what was decided to do to help the team. Harris said the team has put all of their work on hold to handle the crisis, and as things get caught up, the team will be in more need of assistance. Dr. Loeffelholz said the policy allowed the administration to slow down and look at what needed to be done. He told the board this will be discussed more at the February meeting.

I.N.2. Administrative Functions

I.N.3. Updates

I.O. Superintendent's Report

I.P. Board Sharing

Doug Molczyk said Jam the Gym was awesome. He said the school district has been hopping. Molczyk said it has been a very sad month, and he hopes that stops. He also wanted to make sure the crisis team gets taken care of. Doug Willoughby thanked Dr. Loeffelholz for the apple and card for board appreciate month. He also congratulated Candy

Becher and Doug Molczyk for being chosen president and vice president. Theresa Seipel said she had a lot of fun at Jam the Gym. She also offered congratulations to Doug Molczyk and Candy Becher, and she said Becher will do a great job. Seipel said she is glad to still be on the board. She said the district is busy and there is something going on every night. Mike Jeffryes said he is the rookie and he is still learning how things work. He said the statement Candy Becher read earlier was gone over in a new board member meeting he attended. Jeffryes said he is enjoying serving on the board so far. Mike Goos thanked Seipel for all her work and thanked Dr. Loeffelholz for the apple. He also told West Park Principal Paula Lawrence that there are some powerful things going on at the school. Goos said there are many children with social and emotional issues that are truly impacting their learning. He said there are too many kids whose biggest concern is how they will get through the day. Candy Becher also thanked Dr. Loeffelholz for the apple. She also thanked the board for electing her as president. Becher said she hopes she will do a good job. She said CPS is a great district, and she is amazed at all that is going on.

Dr. Loeffelholz said he has been talking with Ameritas about some options for the Kramer Education Center. He said he thinks the board will like the options. Dr. Loeffelholz thanked the board for all they do for the staff and students.

II. Executive Session

The board did not go into executive session.

III. Adjourn

The board adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified Secretary for the School District No. 1 of Columbus, Nebraska, certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting of Monday, January 21, 2019.

President

Secretary